

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 1, at line 7 as shown below:

This application is a continuation of U.S. patent application Serial No. 10/724,480, filed November 28, 2003, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. patent application Serial No. 09/245,106, filed January 29, 1999, entitled "Method and Apparatus for Providing a Controlled Injection Rate and Injection Pressure in a Fuel Injector Assembly[[]]", now abandoned. Applicant claims the benefit of that application.